In Which He Introduces Hope to the

Invalid and Erring ones. In this discourse Dr. Talmage would lift people out of despondency and bring something of future joy into earth-

ly depression. The text is Hebrews vi, 19, "Which hope." There is an Atlantic coesn of depth and fullness in the verse from which my text is taken, and I only wade into the wave at the beach and take two words. We all have favorite words ex pressive of delight or abhorrence, word that easily find their way from brain to lips, words that have in them mornings and midnights, laughter and tears, thunderbolts and dewdrops. In all the lexicons and vocabularies there are few words that have for me the attracof the last word of my text, Which hope.'

There have in the course of our life been many angels of God that have looked over our shoulders, or met us on the road, or chanted the darkness away, or lifted the curtains of the great future, or pulled us back from the precipices, or rolled down upon us the rapturous music of the heavens, there is one of these angels who has done so much for us that we wish throughout all time and all eternity to celebrate it -the angel of Hope. St. Paul makes it the center of a group of three, saying "Now abideth faith, hope, charity. And, though he says that charity is the greatest of the three, he does not take one plume from the wing, or one ray of luster from the brow, or one aurors from the cheek, or one melody from the voice of the angel of my text,

That was a great night for our world when in a Bethlehem caravansary the Infant Royal was born, and that will be a great night in the darkness of your soul when Christian hope is born. There will be chanting in the skies and a star pointing to the Nativity. I will not bother you with the husk of a definition and tell you what hope is. When we sit down hungry at a table, we do not want an analytical discourse as to what bread is. Hand it on; pass it round; give us a slice of it. John speaks of hope as a "pure hope." Peter calls it a "lively hope." Paul styles it a "good hope," a "sure hope," a "re-joicing hope." All up and down the Bible it is spoken of as an anchor, as a

harbor, as a helmet, as a door. When we draw a check on a bank, we must have reference to the amount of money we have deposited, but Hope makes a draft on a bank in which for her benefit all heaven has been deposited. Hope! May it light up every dungeon, stand by every sickbed, lend a helping hand to every orphanage, loosen every chain, caress every forlorn soul and turn the unpictured room c the almsbouse into the vestibule of heaven! How suggestive that mythology declares that when all other deities fled the earth the goddess Hope re-

It was hope that ravived John Knox when on shipboard near the coast of Scotland he was fearfully ill, and he was requested to look shoreward and asked if he knew the village near the coast, and he answered, 'I know it well, for I see the steeple of that place where God first opened my mouth in public to his glory, and I am fully persuaded how weak, that ever I now ap pear I shall not depart this life till my tongue shall glorify his holy namo in the same place." His hope was rewarded, and for twenty five more years he preached. That is the hope which sustained Mr. Morrell of Norwich when departing this life at twenty four years of age he declared, "I should like to fore tomorrow morning." That was the kind of hope that the corporal had in the battle when, after several standard bearers had fallen, he seized the flag and turned to a lieutenant colonel and said, "If I fall, tell my dear wife that I die with a good hope in Christ and that I am glad to give my life for my country." That was the good hope that Dr. Goodwin had in his last hour when he said: "Ah, is this death? How He said that he was the black sheep of have I dreaded as an enemy this smil-

Many have full assurance that all is right with the soul. They are as sure of heaven as if they had passed the pearly panels of the gate, as though but in the adjoining room he heard they were already seated in the temple of God unrolling the libretto of the versation he colud not sleep. He was heavenly chorister. I congratulate all such. I wish I had it, too-full assurance-but with me it is hope. "Which a light, took out the letter from his hope." Sinful, it expects forgiveness; mother and knelt down by his bedside troubled, it expects relief; bereft, it and said, "O Lord, God of my mother, expects reunion; clear down, it expects wings to lift; shipwrecked, it exthat prayer he was entirely changed pects lifeboat; bankrupt, it expects and loved what he before hated and eternal riches; a predigal, it expects | hated what he before loved and asked the wide open door of the father's farm- what I thought it all meant. I repli house. It does not wear itself out by looking backward; it always looks for- He said he might be called at any time much time to the rehearsal of the past? Your mistakes are not corrected by a review. Your losses cannot, by brood- and had started in the right direction. ing over them, be turned into gains. And it may be so with your boy. Write It is the future that has the most for us, and hope cheers us on. We have thinking of him at home, and, it may all committed blunders, but does the | be, your letter in hand, he may call upcalling of the roll of them make them on his mother's God to help and save any the less blunders? Look shead in him. Hope, you of the gray hairs and mortal can stand before the mighty much you may have accomplished for of souls who were once as thoroughly God and the world's betterment, your wrong as your boy is. They repented, heard; neither hath entered into the greatest usefulness is to come. "No," and they are with the old folks in the heart of man the things which God says some one, "my health is gone," "No," says some one, "my money is they may become young again. Hope most of my years are gone and there-fore my usefulness." Why, you talk think he has left this life hopeless, who like an infidel. Do you suppose knows but that in the last moment, that all your capacity to do after he has ceased to speak and before good is fenced in by this life? his soul launches away, your prayer you going to be a lounger and a do nothing after you have quit this world? It is my business to tell

cations for usefulness multiplied tenfold, a hundredfold, a thousandfold. Is your health gone? Then that is a sign that you are to enjoy a celestial health compared with which the most joound and hilarious vitality of earth is invalidism. Are your fortunes spent? Remember you are to be kings and queens unto God and how much more wealth you will have when you reign forever and ever. I want to see you get your heavenly work his little bit of a speck of

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larged and intensified and your qualifi-

ring around. here is no night God it were morning. ne you after the

thought out for other worlds as wise, as potent, as lovely, as the atonement is for our world. The laziness which has cursed us in this world will not gain the land of eternal activities -so much tonic in the air, so much inspiration in the society, so much achievement after we get the shackles of the flesh forever off Do not dwell so much on opportunities past, but put your emphasis on opportunities to come. Do not count the battles lost, but scour your musket for victories to come.

Am I not right in saying that eter-

nity can do more for us than can time? What will we not be able to do when our powers of locomotion shall be quick-ened into the immortal spirit's speed? Why should a bird have a swiftness of wing when it is of no importance how long it shall take to make its serial way from forest to forest and we, who have so much more important errand in the world, get on so slowly? The roebuck outruns us, the hounds are quicker in the chase, but wait until God lets us loose from all limitations and hinderments. Then we will fairly begin. The starting post will be the tombstone. Leaving the world will be graduation day before the chief work of our mental and spiritual career. Hope sees the doors opening, the victor's foot in stirrup for the mounting. The day breaks-first flush of the horizon. The mission of hope will be an everlasting mission, as much of it in the heavenly hereafter as in the earthly now. Shall we have gained all as soon as we enter realms celestial—nothing more to learn, co other hieghts to climb, no new anthems to raise, a monotony of existence, the same thing over and over again for endless years? No! More progress in that world than we ever made in this Hope will stand on the hills of heaven and look for ever brightening land scapes, other transfigurations of color. new glories rolling over the scene, new celebrations of victories in other worlds. heaven rising into grander heavens,

Now, let me introduce this feeling into the lives of some who are at times hopeless. There is a family whose son has gone wrong. Father and mother have about given him up, he seems so headlong, so ungrateful, so dissipated, and the old folks do not know half the story of moral precipitation. He has ceased writing home, but they hear of him through people who like to carry bad news, and every time the report is more deplorable. He swears, he gambles, he drinks, he goes into all the shambles of sin. His former employer says there is no hope for him, and all outside the family agree in thinking he will never reform. The father and mother have not quite given him up, and these major key-"Ariel" or "Mount Piswords are to strengthen their hope. While you play and sing the That boy is going to come back. You angel of Hope will stand by you and relax. Through prayer you may win the eternal God for your side of the struggle. You must enlist all the hea venly deminions, cherubim and serap him and archangel, in the movement to save your son. Some day or some night he will call a halt to his infam ous practices. Something will happen to him, as happened in a New York hotel to a son of one of the most dis-

can I see you?" said a distinguished looking young man at close of one of lasting heights." my services in Brooklyn tabernacle. I said, "You can see n e now." He said: with you at your own house. When can I come?" I said "Tomorrownight."
"Your name?" I saked. He gave me his name, the exact name of his father, where we have and is known to the Almighty when he says he will have refused is a continuous problem. The woman who beas: fets she has refused is a continuous problem. The woman who beas: fets she has refused is a continuous problem. The woman who beas: fets she has refused is a continuous problem. No; I want a private conversation through the Christian world, though years ago he departed this life, Returning home, I took up a book of which his father was the author, and in the picture at the opening of the book I found that the jourg man had most markedly his father s fea ures. So I was sure there was no deception.

On the following evening he came. the family flock. He had wandered the world over and been in all kinds of wickedness, but a few nights before, after reading a letter from his mother in Scotland, he had retired for sleep, some young men in such horrible conshocked as he had never before been by the talk of bad men. He arose, struck ed, "You have become a Christian." What is the use of giving so to leave the city. I never saw him sgain, but it seemed to me that he had turned his back upon his wicked past him often. Tell him how you are all Heaven has its thousands and they are with the old folks in the heart of man the things which God healthy air of the eternal hills, where hath prepared for them that love him." 'No," says some one, "the on, and, though you may never hear of think he has left this life hopeless, who may have been answered and he be one than \$20,000. The arrangements for gate. The prodigal in the parable got the elder brother who never left the old not yet been decided upon bpon by the

and did not go in at all. To another class of persons I introthe invalids. Perhaps after long watchnervous system is rained. Perhaps until after the beginning of 1902. little bit of a speck of the earth is only the temples of your forehead. Perhaps it Philadelphia and Charleston so as to t ready to work. We is an indigestion causing food which is enable residents of these places to see here, but will be a recuperation to others to become a the liberty bell. ere. Heaven will torture to you. Perhaps it is an inthe somnia which keeps you as wide awake habitants, "They at 12 o'clock at night as at 12 o'clock ght." Why rest at noon, and hour after hour, like one out fatigue" Why in the Bible times, you cry, "Would

Those pessimists do not realize that are believed to be in the pocket of has been ex two inventions of our times are going to the miners, are extended in the ill-fated s interstellar, | whole world into salvable and millennial | twin shaft. condition within a few weeks after those ter, in 1896, Langan was acting Mayor two inventions shall be turned into the of the city, and a few hours before he service of God and rightousness, as they entered the mines had received valuorlds will be. I refer to the telegraph and able papers. There is no hope of ever

worlds that, like ours, have singled and made merely to get rapid information made merely to get rapid information made merely to get rapid information make with wise Conclusions. That Hove Been worlds that God has or to call up a friend and make with wise Conclusions. That Hove Been him a business engagement, you have a very abbreviated idea of what can be done and will be done with those two instruments. The intelligence of the world is to be expanded, and civiliz .. tion will overcome barbarism, and illit-eracy will be extirpated, and the promise will be literally fulfilled, "A nation born in a day."

Let Hope say to the foreboding: Do all you can with with Bible and spelling book and philosophic apparatus, but toil with the sunlight in your faces or your efforts will be a failure. sallor in the sky is not another phase of the night, but the first sign of ap proaching day, which is as sure to come as tonight will be followed with to morrow. Things are not going to ruin. The Lord's hosts are not going to be drowned in the R d Sea of trouble. Miriam's timbrel will play on the high banks "Israel Delivered." High hope for the home! High hope for the church! High hope for the world! I introduce the angel of Hope to

hose who have through decease lost Christian friends. "How could I fled them," says a bereft soul, "up there in the land of the multudinous?" You may fied them by inquiry, by heavenly escort and by unfailing memory of the guard at the gate. "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, deseending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, and her light was ike unto a stone most precious, even ike a jasper stone, clear as crystal, and had a wall great and high and had twelve gates and at the gates twelve angels." So, you see, there will be an angel guarding each gate. As you go in ask the armed guard. He saw your loved one pass through and will know the direction to take and by what four. tain or in what street of gold is the mansion prepared. The blessed Obrist knows where your departed loved one is, and he will tell you if no one else seas of glass mingled with fire, becom will. Fifty ways of finding out the ing a more brilliant glass mingling with a more flaming fire. "Which hope." whereabouts of your ascended one. But will I surely know him when I get there, for he will be so changed? Yes, for you will be just as much changed, and the old affinity will assert itself. The soul be as easily distinguished there as on earth the body is distinguished by the body.

Open that closed instrument of music in your parlor that has not been played on since the hand of the departed player forgot its cunning. Put up before you on the music board the notes of the hymn of Isaac Watts and sing "There Is a Land of Pure Delight" or James Montgomery's hymn, "Who Are These in Bright Array?" or Filmore Bennett's "Sweet Bye and Bye" or "Jerusalem the Golden." Take some tune in the turn the leaves and join in the rapturous rendering. Reunion with the loved and lost! Everlasting reunion! No farewell at the door of any mansion! No goodby at any of the twelve gates! No more dark apparel of mourning, but white robe of exhaltation! Hope now is on its knees, with face uplifted, but Hope there will be on tiptoe or beckoning you to follow, saying: "Come and hear the choirs sing! Come and tinguished clergymen of Sootland and one of the queen's chaplains. "When see the procession march! Come and see the river of life roll! Come with me over the hills that rise into ever-Celestial Alps and Himalayas hoisted into other Alps and Himalayas!

ises of the world's coming Edenization rel. The woman who beasts of the ofard and the kid will lie down in the same pasture field, and the lion. ceasing to be carnivorous, will become graminivorous, eating "straw like an ox," and reptilian venom shall change into harm lessness, so that the "weaned child shall put his hand on the coskatrice's den, and there shall be nothing to hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowedge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea " So much for the world at

arge. Then cultivate hope in regard to your wn health, your own financial prosperity, your own longevity, by accing now in other people God mercifully reverses things and brings to pass the unexpected, remembering that Washington lost more battles than he gained, but triumphed at the last, and, farther, by making sure of your eternal safety through Christ Jesus, understand that you are on the way to palzers and thrones. This life a span long, ending in duration of bliss that neither human nor archangelic faculties can measure or estimate-redoleree of a springtime that never ends and fountains tosning in the light of a sun that never sots. May God thrill us with anticipation of this immortal glee! "Which hope

I said in the opening of this sui ject that my text was only the wave on the beach, while the whole verse from which it is taken is an ocean. But the ocean tides are coming in, and the sea is getting so deep I must fall back, surges of the full tide of eternal glad ness? "Eye hath not seen nor ear

The Liberty Bell,

The building erected by Philadelphis on the grounds of the South Caro lina Interstate and West Indian exposi tion has been completed. It cost more of the first to meet you at the shining Liberty Bell, which is to be one of home and sat down at the feast, while delphia building, to Charleston have the principal attractions of the Phila place, stood pouting at the tack door councilmanic committee. It was the original intention of the committee to take the historic relic to that city in time duce the angel of Hope, and they are to have it in place when the exposition ing or overwork or towering grief your ed and the bell will not be removed opened, but this idea has been abandonyou have a 'hidden disorder that the will be accompanied on the trip by all world knows nothing about and which the members of the special committee you cannot with any delicacy speak of. and perhaps by other members of both Perhaps it may be a rheumatism that branches of council. A program will distorts and inflames or a neuralgia also be arranged for short stops at the

Archives Lost.

Report is made in Pittston, Pa., that many papers of the greatest importance to the city government are missing and At the time of the disashelp the telephone. If you think that God penetrating the fallen rook and recovmay be allowed these two inventions to be ing either body or papers.

Wise Conclusions That Have Been Born of Experience.

You love for yourself, and if you marry, you seal the destiny, happy or a retched, of your own life. Therefore, never marry for others. Marry for you sake. - Let no human being, however dear to you, have a right to violate the true instruct of your heart, or put a constraint on your leve.

Only be careful; do not imagine that you are in love before you have tried all the tests which may convince you that you really are. You may be only too liable to mistake a caprice, a fancy, a romantic day dream for true love.

First love is seldom true love.

whole series of light fancies which have been mistaken for love have often been followed by the earnest passion of a

The credulity of women on the sub ject of being loved is very great. They often mistake a little admiration for a particular regard, and on this foundation build up a castle in the air and fill it with all the treasures of their brightest hopes. It is safer to be very skeptical on the subject of being loved; but if you make the mistake, take all the blame on yourself and save your dignity by secreey, if you cannot keep your heart from loving.

Men will always be polite, attentive complimentary and paying you all sorts of little flatteries, both of words and actions. Accept them quietly and calmly, as your right, but never seem to give more weight than in nine cases cut of ten they have.

Hurry no courtship into an ergage-

ment, and never make an engagement from which you cannot honorably with-

When you feel perfectly sure that you love a man, there are many subile ways for you to let him know it. I have always failed to understand why wemen should not choose their husbands and why only unmarried reigning queens can do so. I do not see why they should not propose. Of course, they should do so in a manner quite different from that in which men pro-

But very often a girl can make her choice from a circle of admirers, giving the needed encouragement to the one she prefers, and deciding for herself her life's desting.

There are men, and very often the best, too, who are shy and need encouragement, inasmuch as it should be remembered that the men who declare their love in some beautiful language are those who love least truly.

The real lover is a stammerer. the woman whom he loves should return his affection, she should give him all the discreet encouragement she can. Better marry a man of this sort than a Thomas Carlyle, who spent his life writing sweet love letters to his wife and never succeeded in saying a pleasant thing to her and in making her appy when in her preserce.

If ever you receive from a man a love etter worded in most exquisite style, full of poetry and professions of deep attachment, take it for granted that man has had a long experience in such letter writing. There is not a single man, really and

truly in love who would not be asham-

ed to read, especially to have read aloud a letter he has written to the object of his affection. Never tell any one that you have rejected the advances of such and such

a man. The man who boasts of his conquests a cad: the man who bears of those he | They who in July do wed, so by reading all the Scriptural prom- has not not made is a cur and a scound. Must labor always for their bread. lacks refinement and tast, After all, there is very little differ-

ence between the qualities of a perfet gentleman and those of a perfect lady. Advocating Good Roads.

Gen. M. C. Batler is interesting imself actively in the good roads movement in South Cacolina.

Recognizing the great importance of this progressive movement, he has thrown the weight of his personality and influence in its behalf. He is not simply lending it the moral support of his approval, but is actively at work in the cause. He proposes to advocate the adoption by the next session of the egislature of a bill to make the State railread commissioners also commissioners of public highway. He says the public roadways are scarcely second in importance to the State's railroads, and the commissioners might well have supervision of both. Their time is not fully occupied with the railroads, and they might greatly improve the public roadways of Carolina by sys tematizing the county work and estabishing a general plan that will encour age permanent improvements, the use of the best material, and the wisest methods of road construction. The Augusta Chronicle very rightly says th's is certainly an important enterprise, and one worthy the best efforts of Carolina's best men.

Robbed and Murdered.

A story of murder and robbery comes from Van Wyck, a few miles below R ck Hill on the Georgia, Caroline and Northern railroad. The body of Polly McKinney, a well-to do colored woman was found in the rai road out threequarters of a mile from her home. The back and left side of the skull was broken and the neck was broken also. The wounds were evidently from stick, as bloody splinters were found nearby. By the side of the body two quarters of freshly slaughtered beef were found. The bosom of the dead woman's dress was open. Two sets of tracks led from the body and keeping together to the creek about one fourth of a distant. After going up the stream for a short distance they separated and went in opposite directions. The body was found about sunrise this morning

by two colored section hands on their way to work. Their names are Jake Springs and Cy Massey. When found the body was still warm. Stenographers Wanted. A Washington paper reports: "Any male stenographer of fair ability can secure a position in the Philippines at s salary of \$1,200 a year to start on. The civil service commission is unable to supply the demand for stenographers tained up to this time having been sent off to Manila with an appointment. Special examinations were held throughout the country recently to get men for these positions, and only 34 candidates qualified. Every man who would accept a position in the Philippines was appointed at once." Women are ruled ou! because they are "not wanted in the East." The candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 40,

months is passed satisfactorily. Have you paid for your paper? A FATAL WRECK.

A Scene of Indescribable Confussion

and Horror A fatal wreck occurred on the Santa Fe Railroad, one mile west of Fran-conia, Arizon, a switch station 20 miles east of Needles, Cal., early Wednesday. Seven trainmen were killed, three passengers and 14 trainmen injur-ed. Limited trains, bound eastward and westward, crushed together while running at full speed.

The eastbound train was drawn by ingines, while the west bound train had bat one locomotive. The trains were crushed and blown to pieces by an explosion which followed the collision. Both trains were made up of vestibule cars of the heaviest kind, and while they stood the terrific shock well and protected the passengers to a great extent, several of cars took fire at once and burned up. The dining cars, one on each train, one Pullman and two composite cars were destroyed.

The collision is said to have been due to a disregard of orders by the crew of the west bound train, though full particulars on this point are as yet lacking. From all accounts, however, it is gathered that the east bound train had orders to take the siding at Fran-conia and await the passing of the west bound figer, which was running two hours late, and trying to make up time. The east bound train failed to reach the siding, and, as the west bound train did not wait for it, the two trains came together without warring and with an awful crash. The boiler of the west bound engine is said to have exploded immediately after the crash, scalding to death those of the engine crew who

had not been killed outright. A scene of awful confusion followed. The massive engines piled up in an indescribable mass of broken and twisted steel, while the scalding steam hung in a dense, sufficienting cloud over the debris, from which the agonizing cries of the injured and dying engineer could be heard. The heavy Pullmans and composite cars jammed the dining and baggage cars upon the heated pile of debris, carrying death to the dining car crews and setting the cars afire.

From the meagre details of the scenes gathered from the passengers, it is learned that the sleeping cars, with one or two exceptions, suffered slightly, and as a result the passengers were af forded comparative immunity from injury. So far as learned, only three passengers, all from California, suffered injuries of a revere character, the terrible results of the wreck being confined almost entirely to the train crews and the employes of the dining car service.

The west bound limited carried a full passenger list from eastern citics, but t appears none were injured.

Bridal Superstitions. Relative merits of the various months with regard to matrimony are set forth in the old rhyme which runs: "Marry when the year is new,

Always loving, kind and true; When February birds do mate You may wed, nor dread your fate. If you wed when March winds blow, Joy and sorrow both you'll know. Marry in April when you can, Joy for maiden and for man; Marry in the month of May, You will surely rue the day; Marry when June roses blow, Over land and sea you'll go.

Many a chance are sure to see. Marry in Semptember's shine, Your living will be rich and fine. If in October you do marry, Love will come, but riches tarry; If you wed in bleak November, Only joy will come, remember; When December's snows fall fast

Marry, and true love will last." Of the days in the week, Wednesday is the best and Saturday the worst on which to get married. The old rhyme

"Monday for wealth, Tuesday for health, Wednesday the best day of all, Thursday for crosses, Friday for losses, Saturday no luck at all.

If we are to believe superstition, bride's happiness depends not a little on what she wears. "Something old nd something new, something rowed and something blue," is invariably regarded by brides. According o an old rhyma:

"Married in white, You have chosen all right. Married in gray, You will go far away. Married in black, You will wish yourself back. Married in red, You had better be dead. Married in green, Ashamed to be seen. Married in blue, You'll always be true. Married in pearl, You'll live in a whirl. Married in vellow, Ashamed of the fellow. Married in brown, You'll live out of town. Married in pink. Your spirit will sink."

Charleston Great Show. The Atlanta Journal very truly says the South Carolina and West Indian exposition is a big name and represents a big thing. It is the designation of what will be one of the largest and most interesting expositions ever held in the south. The people of Charleston have supported this enterprise with a liberality, enthus asm and unanimity that does them honor and insures success. surrounding states feel a genuine interest in it. The preparations are already so near completion as to insure a very handsome show from the start. We are reliably informed that exhibits for the exposition are arriving at the rate of fifty car loads a day. They come from every part of the country and represent all the leading industries. The collective exhibits will form a fine study and will have a very stimulating effects toward the development of South Carolina and the south generally, Charleston is making ample preparations for the host of visitors whom she is reasonably expecting. There are few more beautiful cities and the historic metropolis of South Carolina will be at its best throughout the entire period of the exposition.

Eleven Hurt in Collision. Eleven people were injured in a coland the salary of \$1,200 is raised to \$1,400 if the probationary period of six commodation and freight train near Collins, is believed to be hurt. There

OVERCOME IN A MINE

And B lieved to Have Died fr. m Fire Damp.

INVESTIGATING DISASTER.

The Mine Inspector of West Virginia Among the Party Believed to Hava Pershed

A dispatch from Bluefield, W. Va.

says at eleven o'clock on Friday morning Superintendent Walter O Malley, of the Pocahontas colleries company, along with State Mine Inspector William Driest. A. S. Hurst, chief coal inspector for the Castner, Curran & Bullitt company, of Philadelphia, Robert St. Clair, chief coal inspector, Morris St. Clair and William Oldham, subcoal inspectors, Frazier G. Bell, Mining Engineer Cardwell, manager of the Shamokin Coal and Coke company of Maybury, W. Va., composing a party of eight, entered the west main of the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company's colleries for the purpose of examining the true situation in regard to he recent explosion and fire in the Baby mine, and up to this hour (12 midnight) have not been heard from.

It was supposed that the Baby mine proper had been cut off from the west mine for the purpose of operating the west mine. The large fan in the west mine had been started at an early hour this morning and at 11 o'clock today it was thought that all gases originating from fire in the Baby mine had been forced from the main pertion and it was considered safe to enter. A: 6 p. m. a party consisting of experienced miners ed by Assistant Superintendent King entered the mine to rescue the lost party of eight, but at 6.45 they returned, baving encountered such quantities of black damp as to make it impossible to inter any distance into the mine. Supt. King was completely overcome by the gas encountered and is now in a cridcal condition. A consultation is now being hold in the company's offices at Pocahontas of the different mining experts from the Flat Top field, these experts having been rushed to Pocahontas by special train this afternoon. All forts are being und to recover the bodies of the inspecting party, but no hopes are entertained that any of them India to somewhere near her vill be recovered alive.

The scoretary and treasurer of the Southwest Virginia company is directly in charge of all movements at the The fire that originally started in the Baby mine last Thursday morning and which was supposed to have been under control is now burning fu-

that ne was carrying on a "green goods" business. The complaint was made by Chief Police Murphy. The All members of the lost party are prominent in the cal fields and the exci ement now pravailing at Pocahontas is intese, business having been practi-cally suspended. All members of the party are married, some having large the telegraphic replies from the pros-jamilies.

A SHORT COTTON CROP.

Over Half Million Bales Less Than by a State reporter the plain quest or for congress in the Second district next Last Year. summer, in accordance with the stories

The Gulf Port Trading company has sert out a compilation of statistics alleging to give a correct estimate of the cotten crop of 1901 2. We have no way of jidging of the accuracy of these figures, yet they are presented and those interested may make their own dedustions.

The report, which shows that the crop this season will be short of the erop of 1900-1901, says in part: "At the request of a number of our friends among the mill men to submit to hem the result of our circular of in quiry of November 2, with regard to the yield of the cotton crop of 1901 4902, we herewith submit our estimate The same is based on information received between the 4th inst, and this date from 203 oil mills all over the cotton belt. We add at the same time the yield of last year so as to show clearly the increase or decrease of the diff r ent States.

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North Carolina 50,000 South Carolina ... 61 000 1,109,000 746,000 1,365,000 "This shows that the present crop

will be 619,000 bales short of the crop of last season. "A great number of the mills report that owing to the exceptionally fine weather in October, and early November, the crop has been harvested so far comparatively much faster, and The exposition is heartily er dorsed also more liberal scale than in past yearhas also been marketed on a much by South Carolina generally and the The reports make mention of the fact that the crop is very light, and that frost has occurred in the last days of Ostober and early this mouth pretty generally all over the cotton belt, with the exception of south Texas."

> Killed the Steward. The British bark Birnan Wood, from Rio Janeiro, in charge of Mate Poe, arrived at Mobile Faiday and reper a that on Nov. 18th the captain, named Morris, killed the vesel's steward. The body was buried at sea. The esptain kept his cabin, pasing up and down. When informed that Sand Island light was sighted Nov. 22, he gave the mate the course, picked up a ses lead, jamp ed overboard and was drowned

Announcement was made Friday that the Bank of Liverpool had been victim zed by a trusted bookkeeper to a lision Thursday night between an ac- large amount. An official statement issued by the bank says that through Chunchula, on the Mobile and Ohio the dishonesty and betting transactions road. Only one, a negro freman named of a bookkeeper they may lose £170, 000. The Bank of Liverpool's shares were four cars of stock attached to the fell £1 on the stock exchange today. you have not, don't you think you ought to? The printer needs his money. freight trained and most of it was to? The defaulter has not yet been arrested.

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from \$73,000,000 in 1899 to \$9,-

000,000 in 1900 this loss has been

in part offset by a gain of \$14,

000,000 in this country and in

total of \$257,000,000, or double

the aggregate ten years ago. As

thought to call for barely \$125,-

much more to expand the cur-

rency of the gold using coun-

tries. This expansion is equi-

valent to an increase of about 2

per cent a year upon the present

the total production, measured

by ounces, was a trifle greater

than ever before, though its

commercial value was of course

the last year, however, says the

report, the price of silver ad-

vanced from 59 cents an ounce

to 66 cents, the cause of the in-

crease being England's pur-

chase of \$30,000,000 worth of

silver bullion for coinage into

remarked,. "seem to restore

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